



# Santa Clara School

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## Dear Parents/Carers, Staff and Students

The start of school term has certainly been a warm one but I must make a comment on how well groomed the children looked. Their enthusiastic smiles and happy faces gave me immense pleasure when I greeted them. They are now settling into the school routine and I have actually had the pleasure to meet and greet with them on various days. Their commitment to learning is a credit to themselves, their teachers and parents.

It is timely to welcome everyone back to Santa Clara as we give cause to celebrate a new and challenging year. Among these challenges, I pose the question – “what does it mean to belong to Santa Clara community?”

We at Santa Clara School aim to provide students, through the whole school community, the opportunity to participate in a school life filled with experiences that reflect Jesus' actions and the choices he would have made, so they are able to lead by example. These experiences need to be filled with personal example and charity, to encourage participation and a concern for others.

We aim to equip students with the necessary life and social skills, so that they may be positive witnesses to themselves. From this inner strength and knowledge, they will be able to witness, through their interactions with their peers and adults in the school, reflections of the gospel teachings. In this safe environment the students will then be able to extend this witnessing to the wider community.

## Bereavement



*You are in my  
thoughts and  
prayers.*

## CONDOLENCES

Our thoughts and prayers our with Mrs Alyssa Adams (Kindergarten Teacher) whose father passed away yesterday, Wednesday 19 February 2014.

Please keep Mrs Adams and her family in your prayers.

### *Important Dates:*

#### Friday 21 February:

- > P & F Welcome Back to School Picnic from 5:00pm til 7:00pm on the school oval

#### Saturday 22 February:

- > 6:30pm Sacrament Commitment Ceremony at Santa Clara Parish

OR

#### Sunday 23 February:

- > 9:30am Sacrament Commitment Ceremony at Santa Clara Parish

**MONDAY 3 MARCH:  
LABOR DAY  
PUBLIC HOLIDAY –  
SCHOOL CLOSED**

**TUESDAY 4 MARCH:  
SHROVE TUESDAY –  
P & F selling  
pancakes for Caritas –  
50c each at Recess**

**WEDNESDAY 5 MARCH:  
ASH WEDNESDAY  
9:00am MASS**

#### Sunday 9 March:

- > Week 1 Lent

#### Tuesday 11 March:

- > 6:45pm School Board Meeting

#### Wednesday 12 March:

- > 2:00pm P & F Meeting

#### Friday 14 March:

- > Footy Colours Day for Caritas

### Included in this issue:

- Pg 6 - Santa Clara P & F Executive Committee and Information
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## Parent Information Evening

PP – Year 6 Parent Information evening took place this week. After a reflective prayer there were various presentations about our school and its operations. Then parents met with the respective Year Level teachers and were given information pertaining to those particular classes. Thank you to all parents for your attendance at the meetings. Your support of the classroom teacher and the great interest that you have in your child's education was clearly evident by your presence. If for some reason you were unable to attend the meeting please contact the class teacher who would be more than happy to pass information on to you. I would like to thank all the teachers for their preparation and time given towards making these evenings as informative as possible for parents.

### Meeting with Teachers

I cannot stress enough the importance of parents communicating with class teachers over any concerns they may have about their child's progress. Whether it is to do with homework, reading books, class work, behaviour etc. please make an appointment to see the class teacher so they are aware your child maybe experiencing problems. Successful and enjoyable school life requires positive and active participation by both parents and teachers in an open and trusting relationship.

### **PERMISSION TO TAKE CHILDREN TEMPORARILY OUT OF SCHOOL DURING SCHOOL HOURS (GREEN SLIP)**

Please note that if you wish to take your child/children out of school during any school day, you must collect a **green form** from the office on the day. This will apply for all dental or doctor's appointments, early pick-ups, etc. **No child will be permitted to leave the school grounds without a form signed by a staff member from the School Office.**

### **SPEED LIMIT**

I wish to remind parents and other road users that the speed limit in the school zone is **40 kmh**. This applies from 7.30-9.00am and again from 2.30-4.00pm. It would be very much appreciated if you would abide by the signs when dropping off and collecting your children.

**Mr Richard Win Pe**  
Principal

## **ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS**

### **SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION**

This week, the students preparing for either the Sacrament for Reconciliation, Eucharist and Confirmation will be attending the Commitment Ceremony, which will be held at the Santa Clara Parish on Saturday 22 February or Sunday 23 February. The students and their parents can attend either Commitment Ceremony Mass. The Mass times are listed below.

If you have any queries concerning the Sacramental programme, please do not hesitate to contact Father Dennis on 9458 2944.

<b>Sacrament of Reconciliation</b>	<b>Sacrament of Eucharist</b>	<b>Sacrament of Confirmation</b>
<i>Commitment Ceremony Santa Clara Parish: 6.30pm Saturday 22 February 2014 Or 9:30am Sunday 23 February 2014</i>	<i>Commitment Ceremony Santa Clara Parish: 6.30pm Saturday 22 February 2014 Or 9:30am Sunday 23 February 2014</i>	<i>Commitment Ceremony Santa Clara Parish: 6.30pm Saturday 22 February 2014 Or 9:30am Sunday 23 February 2014</i>
<i>Adult Formation Workshop: 9:00am Saturday 22 March 2014 (Facilitated by Fr Vincent Glynn &amp; Father Dennis)</i>	<i>Adult Formation Workshop: 9:00am Saturday 22 March 2014 (Facilitated by Fr Vincent Glynn &amp; Father Dennis)</i>	<i>Adult Formation Workshop: 9:00am Saturday 22 March 2014 (Facilitated by Fr Vincent Glynn &amp; Father Dennis)</i>
<i>Parent/Student Workshop: 4:45-6:00pm Tuesday 8 April 2014 (Facilitated by Dr Carmel Suart)</i>	<i>Student Retreat Day / Excursion: 9:00am Tuesday 6 May 2014 Schoenstatt Shrine Excursion, Armadale</i>	<i>Student Retreat Day / Excursion: 9:00am Wednesday 1 July 2014 Mary MacKillop Centre, South Perth</i>
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<i><b>Celebrated on: 6:30pm Wednesday 21 May 2014</b></i>	<i><b>Celebrated on: 9.30am Sunday 22 June 2014</b></i>	<i><b>Celebrated on: 9.30am Sunday 14 September 2014</b></i>

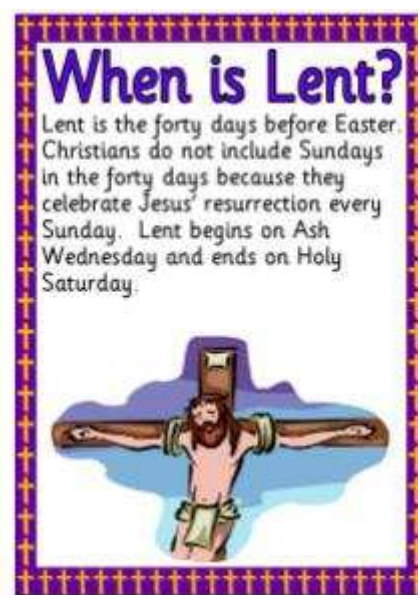
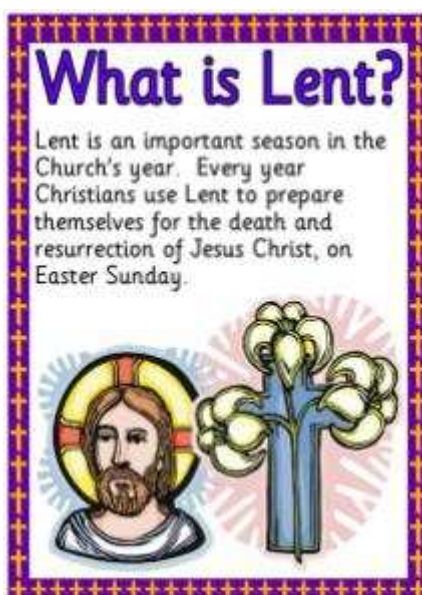
## ASH WEDNESDAY MASS

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the Season of Lent. It is a season of penance, reflection, and fasting which prepares us for Christ's Resurrection on Easter Sunday, through which we attain redemption. The Ash Wednesday Mass will be celebrated on Wednesday 5 February 2014 at the Santa Clara Parish, commencing at 9:00am. Father Armando will be presenting the Mass. Thank you to Ms Temmen and the Year Five students for assisting with the organisation of the Mass.

## WHAT IS LENT?

The season of Lent is a Catholic liturgical season consisting of forty days of fasting, prayer, and penitence beginning at [Ash Wednesday](#) and concluding at sundown on Holy Thursday.

The official liturgical colour for the season of Lent is violet. The observance of Lent is related to the celebration of Easter. Many Catholics were taught as children to "give up something" for Lent. Throughout history, Catholics have found prayer, fasting, and almsgiving to be an important part of repentance and renewal.



## SUPPORTING PROJECT COMPASSION 2014

Last Thursday, the children were given Project Compassion moneyboxes to take home. Children, women and most men vulnerable to extreme poverty and injustice are rich in the eyes of Jesus, whose life and compassion inspires Caritas Australia. Through effective partnerships in humanitarian relief and development and by transforming hearts and minds in Australian community, Caritas Australia helps to end poverty, promote justice and uphold dignity. All donations make a life-changing difference to marginalised communities around the world. Below is a story on how your donations assist Caritas Australia help people and communities around the world.



### MARISTELY FROM BRAZIL

Maristely, 18, lives in a Favela (slum) in Sao Paulo, Brazil with her family. Favela life is difficult. Dark and cramped, they often built on land affected by floods and landslides; there is also high unemployment, dense population and widespread violence. Caritas Australia's partner, the Movement for the Defence of Favela Residents (MDF), is changing lives across 40 Favelas by enabling people to advocate for their rights to be upheld.

Thousands of families now have access to clean water, electricity and connected sewerage, and deeds to their land. MDF also offers a youth leadership program so young people can attain education and employment, rather than joining local gangs. Those improved living conditions means Maristely and her family are now enjoying a full life and are proud of where they live.

*As John 10:10 states, 'I (Jesus) have come in order that you might have life – life in all its fullness.'*

**Larry King**  
Assistant Principal – Religious Education

## **ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL NEWS: WEEK 3 TERM ONE 2014**

Hello Everyone,

Week three already and school routines are firmly established and both new and returning students are into the swing of the school year. Our new starting time is working very smoothly.

**PARENT INFORMATION EVENING:** On Tuesday evening there was a great show of parents supporting students and teachers. Mr Win Pe reminded everyone of our Christian mission of making Jesus present in our lives. In week nine of this term, 1 April, individual parent interviews will be conducted between 12:30pm and 5:00pm. Students will be dismissed at 12:00noon on this day. If you need to discuss your child's individual needs prior to this time please make an appointment to see the classroom teacher.

**AFTER SCHOOL PICK-UP:** To keep our children safe we have asked children to be seated in family groups in the pick-up area. Children are asked to proceed to the pick-up area quickly after dismissal and to remain seated with siblings until parents or guardians arrive. Duty teachers will direct children to cars. This will ensure everyone is safe and pick-up runs smoothly. Thanks for your support in this.

**CYBER-SAFETY:** Cyer-safety and awareness is an essential part of keeping our children safe in this technological age. Later this year student, staff and parent education workshops will be conducted by "Cybersmart" W.A. Please pencil 26 August into your diaries for this very important event. In the interim, you can keep abreast of parent tips on cyber-safety at: <http://www.cybersmart.gov.au/Parents/Resources/Educate%20yourself.aspx#sthash.SvdXYMYB.dpuf>. This comprehensive web-site is in several languages and offers parents tips and advice, especially when facing social-media issues with older children. One of the best ways to keep your children "cyber-safe" is to ensure that computers and portable media devices are not hidden away from the family, used in bedrooms but used openly in family areas.

**MATHS NEWS:** This week Mathletics log-ins were updated for students and teachers. Mathletics is a wonderful tool to encourage and support children in their maths progress, children can access age appropriate activities and games from home. Mathletics can be accessed from desk-tops, lap-tops and iPads. At Santa Clara School we are focusing on a maths curriculum to provide children with the skills and vocabulary necessary to be proficient in maths, particularly problem solving. We would like to raise the profile of mathematics and encourage parents to engage in discussions and activities to help children see maths in a positive light.

**P & F PICNIC - SEE YOU THERE!** I am really looking forward to catching up with Santa Clara parents and families at the P&F barbecue. Bring a blanket and picnic basket and enjoy a social evening from 5:00 to 7:00pm. Thanks to the P&F who are always so supportive of teachers and the whole school community.



**Ms Temmen**  
Assistant Principal



## CANTEEN NEWS For Years 1 – 6

Please do not order LOLs and icecreams on lunch orders.

Children are to purchase these items directly from the canteen at lunchtime.

*(Exception for Kindy & Pre-Primary.)*

Thank you for your cooperation.

**Mrs Thiel**  
Canteen Manager



### Parents and Friends Federation of WA Inc.

The Parents and Friends Federation of WA would like to take this opportunity to welcome staff, children and parents back to the new school year.

If there is any assistance or advice that we can help you with, please call Siobhan Allen (Liaison Officer) on 0409 025 683 or the call the PFFWA office on 9271 5909.

We look forward to a great year working with you, and of course to seeing as many of you as possible at our 60<sup>th</sup> Annual Anniversary Dinner and Conference on 23<sup>rd</sup>/24<sup>th</sup> May 2014. Please visit our website to keep updated on the conference, or look for us on Facebook.

<http://pff.wa.edu.au>

#### ATTACHMENTS

1. School Banking

## P & F FUNDRAISER PANCAKES FOR CARITAS

Shrove Tuesday  
Tuesday 4 March 2014  
50c a pancake  
SOLD AT RECESS



“Music for life!”

If you would like your child to learn a musical instrument this year, please contact the team at WAAM on 9314 1110 for more information.

## UNIFORM SHOP NEWS

Thank you to all the families who have returned their Winter Uniform order forms.

For those parents who are still yet to place orders, kindly return your forms by next **Monday 24 February** at the absolute latest.

Orders will be collated and sent into the manufacturer next week.

**PLEASE NOTE:** If you have not placed an order for your child's Winter Uniform, there will be no guarantee that there will be stock available.

Thank you.

**Mrs Ann Ball**  
Uniform Shop Coordinator

## CANTEEN ROSTER

<b>Friday 21 February</b> Luba Crossing & Karen Boys	<b>Monday 24 February</b> Trina Green	<b>Friday 28 February</b> Natalie Chehab
<b>Monday 3 March</b> <b>LABOR DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY</b>	<b>Friday 7 March</b> Julia Pearson & Sharon Morris	<b>Monday 10 March</b> Maria Arcaro



## SANTA CLARA P & F 2014

<b>Presidents (Shared Role):</b>	<b>Sonia Thiel and Francesca Thompson</b>
<b>Secretary:</b>	<b>Tanya Spiegl</b>
<b>Treasurer:</b>	<b>Roshni Barboza</b>
<b>Committee Members:</b>	<b>Natalie Chehab Julia Pearson Kym Vasile Wayne Barton</b>

The Santa Clara Parents & Friends Association (P&F) is a dedicated group of parents, who come together to help provide the school with up to date resources for our children's learning experience and create a strong community environment for families.

The P&F serves our school community in a variety of ways from fundraising, communication with families about social and educational events at the school to representing the views of parents to various government bodies, the school board, and the parish council.

We meet on a monthly basis and use this time as a forum to discuss different ways we can add to our school.

We would encourage new and current parents to come along to our meetings and be actively involved in what's going on in our school.

The Association depends on the support of the whole School Community to be able to continue its work.

We have lots of exciting things planned for 2014 such as Discos, Raffles, Morning Teas and a Breakfast just to name a few. We have also voted on some great items, which will be purchased for the school throughout 2014 that will benefit all children.

We hold one meeting at the beginning of each month usually on a Tuesday or Wednesday in the staffroom. Please check your current newsletter for further details.

If you have any questions please contact:

Sonia Thiel:	0419 897 560
Francesca Thompson:	0439 808 013

## SANTA CLARA WELCOME PICNIC



The P & F are holding a *'Welcome Back to School Picnic'* and all Santa Clara families are invited.

**Friday 21 February 2014  
from 5.00pm til 7.00pm on the school oval.**

BYO picnic rug and dinner and enjoy the company of other families within the school community.

(There will be no food or drink for sale on the night.)

The P & F are providing a jumping castle, face painting and 1 free Mr Whippy ice cream for every student.

Come along have some fun and make some new friends.

Thank you for your support and we hope to see you there!



Please do **NOT** drop your child off and leave them unattended; they will not be supervised.

## A Note from the Community Health Nurse

Welcome to the new school year. My name is Fiona Ewing and I am the Community Health Nurse who visits your school.

Community Health Nurses work in schools to promote healthy development and wellbeing so students may reach their full potential. A major part of my work is focused on early intervention and the School Entry Health Assessment program.

Community Health Nurses serve as a health contact point for children and their families, providing information, assessment, health counselling and referral. The services provided are free and confidential.

If you have a concern about your child's health or development, please contact me on 9313 5418.

### Immunisation Reminder

Maintaining a high level of immunisation within our community is very important to controlling many communicable diseases.

It is important for parents to make sure that their children have received all of the childhood vaccinations. This includes Measles, Mumps, Rubella, Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis (whooping cough), and polio vaccines before school entry or from three and a half years of age. If you are unsure, phone 1800 653 809.

If your child has missed out on vaccinations, a doctor or immunisation nurse can provide 'catch-up' vaccinations.

Make an appointment with a GP or visit the local (free) immunisation clinic (medicare card required) provided by:

- Child & Adolescent Health ph 6151 1308 OR
- Central Immunisation Clinic, Rheola St, West Perth ph 9321 1312

Parents or legal guardians who do not immunise their child should note the following:

- In the case of a Measles or Pertussis (whooping cough) outbreak, Western Australian schools are required by the Department of Health, to exclude students who have not received the appropriate vaccination.

Please make sure your school-aged child is fully immunised and that you have provided a copy of the ACIR immunisation record to the school.

Did you know that as parents you can ring the National registry or go to the web site to check out your child's immunisation status? All you need is your Medicare number. Phone 1800 653 809 or access the web site: [www.humanservices.gov.au](http://www.humanservices.gov.au) or email [acir@humanservices.gov.au](mailto:acir@humanservices.gov.au).

A copy of an overseas immunisation record can be provided to the school office, provided that it has been translated into English.

### Head Lice

#### Tips for Preventing Head Lice

- ✓ **Check your child's hair regularly** for head lice and eggs ('nits'). Use a metal fine tooth 'nit' comb and plenty of hair conditioner applied to the dry hair, to make the task easier and more effective. To help children sit still for this, offer distracting activities, e.g. play a favourite video, provide games, encourage reading, offer a head massage.
- ✓ **Tie long hair back.** Braid long hair and/or put it up if possible.
- ✓ **Consider applying hair gel or mousse.** These do not prevent or repel lice but may help to keep stray hair strands from contact with other heads.
- ✓ **Avoid sharing combs or brushes.**
- ✓ **Remind your child** to avoid head-to-head contact with other children, e.g. when working at the computer with others, or when playing, or hugging.

If your child has head lice please notify their teacher.

For more information:

Visit [www.public.health.wa.gov.au/2/261/2/head\\_lice\\_fact\\_sheet.pm](http://www.public.health.wa.gov.au/2/261/2/head_lice_fact_sheet.pm)